

Women's Bible Study

Who You Say I AM?

He Is Son Of God And Son Of Man: Luke 3:21-22; Luke 19:1-9
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Intensive Study Questions

Key verse: "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'" (Luke 3:22)

1. Describe in your own words what it means for Jesus to be Son of God and Son of Man. Usually we say that sons take after their fathers. How does Jesus "take after" God? How did Jesus, in his earthly incarnation, "take after" his earthly father Joseph? Jesus said to the Jews in John 8:42 "If God were your Father, you would love me." In what ways can we show that we are God's children?
2. Zacchaeus sought out Jesus. Why? Then to his surprise, Jesus sought out Zacchaeus. Why? Look at Zacchaeus' words in Luke 19:8. Contrast his response with that of the rich young man in Matthew 19: 16-22. How do we know Zacchaeus was serious?
3. Read Luke 3:21-22. Who are the participants in this scene? What do we learn about the Trinity from this passage? Why was Jesus, the Son of God, bothering to be baptized by John the Baptist?
4. Read through 1 Cor. 15:20-26. What is the legacy of Adam, the first man, in our lives as human beings? What is the legacy of Christ? If Jesus defeated death on the cross by rising again, why do we still die in this life?
5. Jesus called Zacchaeus by name even though he had never met him before. Think of at least one other N.T. instance where Jesus identified either the name or a characteristic of someone whom he had not met. Now read Psalm 139:11-12 . Why do you think Jesus demonstrates his ability to know what is previously unrevealed? Is there any corner of your life which you would prefer to hide from God? Can any of us hide anything from God?

For additional study if desired:

6. Is Jesus "the Son of God" or "a son of God"? Look at Hebrews 2:11 and 2:14. If Jesus is our elder brother, does that make us sons and daughters of God? How is our status different than that of Jesus?
7. If Jesus was fully man, he was subject to the temptations that mankind suffers. We also know that he was tempted, from Luke 4:1-13. Why was Jesus able to resist temptation, and we are not? (Romans 3:23)

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Discussion Questions

1. Jesus told Zaccheus that he came to seek and save what was lost. Was there a time when God sought you out? Since God is omnipotent, he knows where we are and what we're doing at all times. So why would he want to seek us out? Give some biblical examples of Jesus seeking out people. What was his purpose?

2. As a group, come up with three reasons why you think it was important that God (in the form of Jesus) left heaven and came to earth as a man. Would we have accepted him in any other form, for example as a creature we'd never seen before, or an animal? Why is Christianity (God becoming man) different than any other religion?

3. God says at Jesus' baptism that He is well pleased with Jesus. Why was he pleased with Jesus being baptized? Now think of some situations of obedience where God might be pleased with us. Explain what the difference is between trying to earn God's favor through works, and simply striving to please him.